



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010

Dear Prospective Participant in Disability Mentoring Day in Montana:

We want to offer you an opportunity to be mentored by a professional in a career field that interests you by participating in Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) on **Wednesday, October 20, 2010**.

Disability Mentoring Day is designed to bring students and job seekers with disabilities into the workplace where they can learn about various career opportunities. Through DMD, students or job seekers are paired with a career professional to learn what it means to work in that field or occupation, observe a typical workday, identify necessary skills, and learn about employment prospects. While DMD is a one-day event, mentors and mentees are encouraged to stay in touch after the event. Mentoring is invaluable and beneficial for both the mentor and student, advancing career development and personal growth.

Disability Mentoring Day originated at the White House in 1999 with 11 local students participating. Now hosted by the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), the nation's largest cross-disability membership organization, and funded publicly by the Office of Disability Employment Policy of the U.S. Department of Labor and the Social Security Administration, DMD has evolved significantly to encompass participation in all fifty states and many countries around the world. To find out more about DMD, please visit the website at www.aapd.com/dmd

To participate in Disability Mentoring Day, please return the attached Participant Application Form to the Montana Youth Transitions Project, 1617 Euclid Avenue, Suite 1, Helena, MT 59601, FAX (406) 443-3796, Attention: Carol Lawton, Transition Coordinator, by June 1, 2010.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at **(406) 868-6655**. We hope you will take advantage of this mentoring opportunity and join us on October 20, 2010.

Sincerely,

Carol Lawton
DMD Coordinator for Disability Mentoring Day in Montana
Transition Coordinator, Montana Youth Transitions Project
1617 Euclid Avenue, Suite 1
Helena, MT 59601
(406) 868-6655 or (406) 442-2576



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DMD enables students and job seekers to spend a day visiting a workplace that matches their interests to have one-on-one time with volunteer Workplace Mentors. This is an opportunity to underscore the connection between school and work, evaluate personal goals, target career skills for improvement, explore career paths, and develop lasting mentor relationships. To participate, complete the following form and **RETURN BY JUNE 1, 2010**, to the address above.

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ TTY: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

If you are interested in disclosing your disability for the purpose of the possibility of being matched with a mentor with a similar disability, you may add that here:

SECTION II: EDUCATION

Please check one of the following:

_____ High School, attending: _____

Grade: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Teacher/Advisor: _____

SECTION II: EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

_____ High School Graduate

Graduated: _____

Post High School Education:

_____ Job Seeker (not currently in school)

Highest level of education attained: _____

SECTION III: DMD COORDINATOR

Carol Lawton

DMD Coordinator

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SECTION IV: REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS

To be able to attend and participate in Disability Mentoring Day, I will need the following accommodations:

Dietary needs: _____

Other: _____

SECTION V: GOALS, INTERESTS, AND HOBBIES

On a separate sheet of paper please describe some of the following. This is not required but will help us in finding a workplace that matches your interests:

1. What are your long-term career goals? What kind of work do you hope to be doing in the future?
2. What are you most interested in? What are your hobbies?
3. What kind of work experiences have you had?
4. Describe job-related skills that you have or hope to gain in the future?

Occupation or industry that interests you: _____

For more information about DMD, please call Carol Lawton, Transition Coordinator, Montana Youth Transitions Project, (406) 868-6655, (406) 442-2576 or (406) 452-9834.